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UNDER FRONT-PAGE TWO-COLUMN HEADING NOVEMBER 15 "DISAPPOINTING
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NOVEMBER 16, FRONT-PAGE TWO COLUMN TCK STORY ENTITLED "WHEN

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QUESTION OF OUR CONTINUING RECEIVE AMERICAN AID "DOES NOT DEPEND ON US" BUT ON "COMPORTMENT OF NEIGHBORS, ON DECISIVE INFLUENCE OF US ON OWN ALLIES AND OUR TRAITORS ... WE ARE READY TO RENOUNCE US AID TO EXTENT IT ALIENATES OUR INDEPENDENCE AND FAVORS SUBVERSIVE DESIGNS OF TRAITORS". CONCLUDES BY ATTACKING BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIAL. BY "PERSISTENTLY REFUSING TO SEE SITUATION AS IT IS AND MISLED BY ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE, IT (US) HAS MADE BLINDNESS GREATEST OF VIRTUES AND WILL THUS HASTEN OWN DEFEAT".

SOCHIVATOR, CAMBODIAN NEUTRALIST DAILY, QUOTING USIS TEXT OF STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, SAYS "KHMER PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER PLACE CONFIDENCE IN THIS SORT OF DECLARATION OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT" SINCE "WORDS EXISTING ONLY ON PAPER REFERRING TO RESPECT OF KHMER NEUTRALITY AND INDEPENDENCE HAVE BECOME TOO FREQUENT". ADDS THAT SON NGOC THANH AND SAM SARY IN SVN AND THAILAND "COULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT APPROBATION OF THEIR AMERICAN MASTERS" AND THAT "AMERICANS SHOULD STOP PROTESTING INNOCENCE SINCE PROOFS ARE TOO EVIDENT".

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